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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Patrick J. LaCour et al. Attorney Docket No.: MEGC116848
Application No.: 09/781,128 Group Art Unit: 2815
Filed: February 9, 2001 Examiner: C.C. Chu
Title: DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD FOR RETICLE/MASK WRITING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

October 20, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- X a. Please consider the Amendment/Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 20, 2004. A copy is enclosed.
 - _____ b. Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on , which arguments are hereby incorporated by reference.
 - _____ c. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
 - _____ d. An Information Disclosure Statement, as well as copies of the cited references, is being filed concurrently herewith.
- X 2. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated May 20, 2004, set to expire on August 20, 2004, be extended by 2 months, to expire on October 20, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$430.00.

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X 3. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.

 X a. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

 b. The enclosed amendment adds claims in excess of the number previously paid for. The claim fees are calculated as shown.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=			x	=			790
Total Claims	26	-	33	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	13	-	14	=	0	x	88	=	0
Extension of Time						+	430		430
TOTAL									\$1220

 X 4. Check No. 158837 in the amount of \$1220.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.

 X 5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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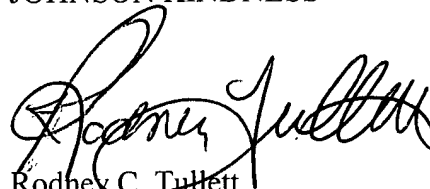
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Respectfully submitted,

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